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Tennis Squad Shows Rapid Progress

Last week's fair weather gave the tennis squad a chance to get in some hard workouts. With Drexel, Temple and Fordham looming up ahead, there comes a necessity of working the team into top form before the end of April. The courts are in remarkably good shape for this time of year but it is easy to see that constant attention will be required to keep them in condition. Captain Morrill has adopted a new system to arrange for daily practice for the varsity. Three courts will be at the disposal of the varsity from 3:30 o'clock until 4:30 every afternoon. From 4:30 until Chapel time the varsity will occupy two courts. The new system will give the varsity a chance to get in the practice which is so necessary for a successful season. Captain Morrill has also been on the job in getting men out for practice and arranging for advantageously paired practice groups. The doubles teams will have a chance to work out a system of teamwork in their daily practice. It is hoped that this will be a great advantage in future matches.

The tennis schedule now includes home matches with Albany State Teachers' College and Middlebury. Games away from home are scheduled with Fordham, Drexel, Springfield, Wesleyan, Middlebury, University of Vermont and Norwich.

Walter Mills to Give Concert on April 25

Well Known Baritone Throughout United States

On Monday evening, April 25, Mr. Walter Mills, baritone of New York City, will give a recital at this college. Mr. Mills is very well known throughout the musical world. Last year he went on a trans-continental tour with Madame Matzenauer of the Metropolitan Opera Company, and last summer he gave a concert at Albert Hall, London. He is especially prominent in New York City and the vicinity.

The following press comments witness the recognition he has received. The musical critic for the New York "Herald" tells us that he is "capable of much feeling and has excellent diction." From the Chicago "Musical Leader" we learn that "he brings much to interpretation from within—his music is intelligent and it has the feeling of a soul behind it."

Officers of Convocation Dr. W. B. James, of 1927-28 to Be Elected in May

Freshmen Rules Will Be Revised

Attention of the students is called to the coming election for officers of Convocation. The Constitution of Student Government (Art. 1, Sec. 3) "On the second Friday in May, unless by law a different day be appointed, Convocation shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Marshal, and any other necessary officers." Students are advised to think seriously of Juniors who are eligible and capable of holding these offices in order that a secure and efficient student government may operate next year. The fraternity and non-fraternity council members are elected from and by those groups individually. Freshmen are allowed to vote for Officers of Convocation.

Attention of the Freshmen is called to the fact that Freshmen rules for the coming year 1927-1928 are to be revised and altered by the Freshman Class, and submitted to Convocation at the above mentioned meeting. Also, the Freshman Class elects its own Sophomore Council for the year 1927-1928.

All officers begin their term with the attendant responsibilities in September of the collegiate year. They take their oath of office on Class Day in June.

Mummers Society Is Reorganized

Plays Being Planned for Tuesday Before Commencement

On Friday evening, April 7th, a meeting of the members of the old Mummers Society was called by H. B. Meyers '27, in the Student Recreation Room. An entirely new society has organized with the same name as the old and with the existing members as a foundation. From now on the Mummers will be a Senior honorary dramatic society, the prerequisites for membership being that the student must have displayed an active interest in dramatics in his previous three years, either in the purely dramatic or the business side of the work. These Juniors whom the society thinks have fulfilled the requirements will be elected to the organization in the May of their Junior (Continued on page 4)

Prominent in Public Affairs for Many Years

Walter Belknap James, M.D., L.L.D., retired physician and trustee of St. Stephen's College, Columbia University, the American Museum of Natural History, and other organizations, died in his home April 6th. Dr. James was born in Baltimore May 11, 1858. In 1879 he was graduated from Yale College, and in 1883 from the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons. He held a professorship in the latter college until his death. He attained a position of eminence in the medical world, and has long been a public figure. His services were sought in many hospitals and on numerous boards.

Dr. James gave very freely of his time and efforts in public affairs. He had been chairman of the State Board of Charities. Governor Whitman appointed him as head of a special commission for study of the feeble-minded and their needs. He was President of the Academy of Medicine, a member of the executive committee which obtained funds for the Dr. Andrew J. McCosh Memorial, and President of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene. Hospitals he was connected with were, the Presbyterian, and Bellevue, and Ruptured and Crippled. Professional memberships included the New York Academy of Medicine, the New York County Medical Society, and the Practitioners Society.

As a Trustee of St. Stephen's College, his work has been indispensable. For four years he was the representative of the Province of New York and New Jersey in the Episcopal Church on the Board. He was active on the Education Committee. Probably the work for which the college is most indebted to him was his cooperation with Dr. B. I. Bell in working out the new policy of the college.

Public Speaking Contest on April 26

Four Contestants—Topics On Current Affairs

The Public Speaking contest which was to have been held on April 11, will now be held on Tuesday evening, April 26, in the Memorial Gymnasium. Four contestants have entered, George A. Shrigley '27, William T. Brunot '28, Horace Reynolds (Continued on page 4)

Varsity Loses Initial Lacrosse Contest

Saints' Attack Fails to Pierce Yale's Defense and Lose 10-0

Without the services of their captain, "Jiggs" Millington and George Kunkel, the lacrosse representatives of the Scarlet swung into action at New Haven on Saturday the sixteenth against Yale in the opening game of the season. Captain Millington was called from college early last week by the illness of his father and Kunkel, in home player, is out with a fractured elbow. Both are expected to be in the line-up, however, on the twenty-seventh opposing Stevens Tech of Hoboken, N. J., at Poughkeepsie.

Although a number of last year's players are included in the Saints' line-up this season, the Annandale twelve is, on the whole, inexperienced. The team is built around four experienced men and counts on speed rather than weight to carry them through the season.

The double S men are strong on the defense and it was in this department that they had hoped to overshadow their first opponents. Burbank and Urquhart were the stonewalls in their defense and their playing proved a bane to the Yale stickmen. Raymond and Wilson were the mainstays in the Saints' attack, yet the Blue evidently had more experience in blocking than the Scarlet in breaking through.

Opponents Tough

A glance at various college schedules shows that St. Stephen's had picked an unusually tough opening opponent. Yale had the advantage of winter practice, an overwhelming number of substitutes, experience and weight, besides having played four games before meeting the New Yorkers, while the latter faced them with scarcely three weeks' practice and depended on their speed to pull them through. Yale was stronger in every department of the game and the outlook for St. Stephens was indeed dim but as games are won on the field anything might have happened and "dope" had it that with a few breaks the Scarlet might romp home a winner.

The Game

St. Stephen's immediately took the defensive at the opening whistle, and it took Yale ten minutes' constant battering at their opponents' defense to score a goal, which they followed with another. The locals used the (Continued on page 4)

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DR. WALTER B. JAMES

By the death of Dr. Walter B. James, trustee of this college, Saint Stephen's has lost one of its closest friends and most able supporters. The diversity and greatness of his service to humanity is made known to you in this issue of the "Lyre Tree" and has been in many other publications. Yet in no way is it possible to eulogize too highly his service to Saint Stephen's. The part he has played in the development of this institution is an exceedingly vital one, and one which will become more significant as the College grows. For by his great generosity, by his tireless exertion, and especially by the invaluable assistance of his keen and original intellect, the enlargement of the educational function of the college, in the new policy of expansion, was made possible. What better memorial could there be to our great benefactor than the immortalization of his great work in the progressive development of Saint Stephen's?

THE MUMMERS

Elsewhere in this issue appears a notice of the reorganization of the Mummerys. This reorganization is an attempt on the part of a few to revive an active interest in dramatics that was prevalent on the campus two years ago. There is excellent opportunity here to make a successful dramatic organization; but such an or-

ganization needs the cooperation of the majority of the student body. A certain knowledge of dramatics is, or should be an integral part of our cultural training. We can give this to ourselves if we so desire. There are few of us here, and there is room for everyone on the campus in some sort of a dramatic program. Under the new plan of organization the Mummerys plan to utilize as many of the student body as possible. There is no reason why each person on the campus cannot interest himself enough to be willing to give a small part of his time and energy to something that is for ourselves and our own pleasure and amusement. It is not necessary that we all be Barrymores; we want acting, but we want plays more. And there is more than the actual participation in a production that demands attention in the presentation of plays here. There is opportunity for some real work in stagecraft and design. What is more important that all else, however, is an active interest and a hearty cooperation from the entire college to carry out an intelligent dramatic program.

The lack of interest that the student body has shown for dramatics here in the past two years is deplorable. What little work has been done can go to the credit of a very few. The Mummerys will try to produce, some things at Commencement time, and the cooperation they have from the student body then will determine to a large extent the part dramatics will have in the life of the college in the future. As a part in our education, as a means of amusing ourselves during the long winter months, we strongly urge that the student body will show their interest in the Mummerys enough to give them all the support it possibly can. We need dramatics here; and to be successful dramatics need the student body.

Herman James Smith, S. S. C. '24, will be ordained to the diaconate in Christ's Church, Schenectady, on Monday, April 25th, by Bishop Oldham, of the Diocese of Albany.

JERSEY COLLEGIANS TO PLAY AT SENIOR BALL

The Jersey Collegians, a well-known orchestra which has just completed an engagement at Jannsen's Mid Town Hofbrau Haus in New York, and have recently made a tour of the New England States, have been secured for the Senior Ball on the 20th of May. This orchestra broadcasts over W. E. A. F. and makes Pathe and Perfect records. They played here for the Kappa Gamma Xi dance in May, 1925.

THE INTERCAMPUS

Smith College has requested from Amherst College, the loan of several male actors for dramatic productions. The women's college has offered to reciprocate. This exchange is proposed to obviate casting men in women's parts, and vice versa. Why don't we swap talent with Vassar?

Because he permitted his classes to read "What I Believe" by Bertrand Russell, H. J. Chambers, instructor in English at the University of Washington, has been placed on probation.

College Humor and First National Pictures are conducting a search for movie heroes among the collegians. Directors and camera men are being sent to the leading colleges and universities to make screen tests of the most promising. Student government officials are determined that the honor system be extended to cover the tests. As we write this we do not remember having been bothered by anyone wanting to take us in action.

A girls' college in Germany has discontinued the study of biology as incompatible with maidenly modesty. The New Student is anxiously awaiting later developments of this clever ruse of biology teachers to stimulate interest in their subject.

That Princeton University has let down the bars to women to secure a gift of \$20,000,000 was announced by the "Daily Princetonian" of April 1st. The money was offered, the paper said, by the estate of "Hettie Green," whose will specified that the sum was to go to a "male university" in any one of the thirteen original states provided it admitted women on an equal footing with men.—The New Student.

\$2,500 SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED FOR THE COLLEGE CRUISE ROUND THE WORLD

A \$2,500 scholarship for a school year of study abroad the S. S. Ryndam, on its second College Cruise Round the World, is soon to be announced by the University Travel Association, Inc., 285 Madison Avenue, New York City. It will be available to any young man, now an undergraduate in any college or university.

This scholarship includes full expenses of the "University Afloat"—tuition, lectures, steamship ticket, stateroom, shore trips and meals.

It will go to the writer of the best essay in a national contest, for which presidents of 150 leading colleges and universities are now selecting the subject.

Judges, nominated by these presidents, are to decide the merits of the essays and pick the winner.

The scholarship provides for a continuation of the regular academic courses in preparatory subjects, or a freshman year of college work, or study of special business courses relating to foreign commerce and international trade.

The award will be made early in June, of his year, and the winner will depart on a study-travel tour of the globe September 20.

The First College Cruise Round the World now returning through European waters, was co-educational, but the second is to be limited to young men students only, with an enrollment of 375 instead of 500.

The subject for the contest, which will possibly involve a discussion of the East in connection with international education, will be made known as soon as decided upon. Not more than two months will elapse between the opening and closing dates.—The Tripod.

TRAVEL TOURS ANNOUNCED

National Student Federation Plans Schedule of Student Trips

The Travel Committee of the National Student Federation of America in conjunction with the International Student Hospitality Association and the Open Road, Inc., have announced a tentative schedule of summer sojourns in Europe for American students. Traveling will be done in groups of about fourteen under the leadership of a popular professor, graduate student or a leading undergraduate chosen for his interest in European affairs, for travel experience, for social qualities and for practical capability. The groups will be so selected as to include persons of similar interests and high worth so that as far as possible a natural and congenial group will be formed. The itineraries will include tours to all European countries and will be grouped according to the interests of the party. A special student delegation to Russia has also been announced.

For American students not wishing to travel alone or without experienced guidance, or who wish to make their European trip more than a sightseeing tour, will find the programs of the Travel Committee very attractive. None of the associations mentioned are in any way profit making. They represent an earnest desire of American students interested in improving international relations between the students of America and Europe, to facilitate a mutual interchange of student viewpoints and a closer relationship of the students of the various nations. The headquarters of the National Student Federation Travel Committee are at 2 W. 46th Street, New York, and to there requests for information should be directed.—Hobart Herald.

CHINA HAS CHANGED

Student from China Says Orient Is
Converted to Force

For many a century it has been the Chinese tradition to pay highest respect to the scholar. Next in rank came the farmer, the artisan, the tradesman, and last of all the "fat-bellied merchant." Historically, the soldier ranked less than nothing. Socially his value was indicated by zero.

All that has changed. In sheer self-defense China has been forced from pacifism to dependence upon a sixth class of soldiers. Now she speaks to the West in the language that the West respects, the language of Might.

Robert Y. Chew in the Chinese Students' Monthly, a publication edited by Chinese students in American colleges, makes the above observations and explains how the humiliating and overbearing attitudes of western foreigners in China has brought on a violent reaction.

Here are some of the instances Mr. Chew cites: An Englishman on downtown streets in Shanghai elbowed an elderly well-dressed Chinese into the gutter because he walked too slowly. Young American college blades riding through narrow streets in rickshaws, thwacking over the heads all Chinese who came within reach with tight rolled magazines. An arch over a Shanghai city garden in which municipally supported bands play, with the sign "Chinese and dogs not admitted." British-hired Sikh policeman kicking rickshaw men in public parks. Over seventy Chinese citizens slaughtered in Shanghai and Hang-kow by British police on Chinese soil (May, 1926). Fifty killed and 117 wounded by the British in Canton parade. Over one thousand Chinese non-combatants, including women and children, slaughtered by British marines on the Yang-tze River (Sept., 1926).

What does China want? asks Mr. Chew. First, territorial integrity. She has been mutilated by Christian nations through sessions, concessions, leaseholds and settlements. Second, economic freedom. It has been restricted through the western control of tariff administration. Third, the right of self-defense. "China has been denied this right by the Great Powers through the stationing of garrisons in our ports, and foreign vessels in our inland waters." Fourth, justice through international law. "During the incident of June, 1925, the British authorities employed dum-dum or soft nosed bullets—illegal under international law, even in war. Fifth, the right of existence.—New Student

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VARSITY LOSES INITIAL LACROSSE CONTEST

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Crescent attack, which is wide and round, fighting gamely every minute to pierce Yale's defense only to lose the ball. The first half was rather uninteresting and the score at the end of that time stood six (6) to nothing (0) favor the New Haven men.

The Saints staged a terrific rally in the second half and both teams looked evenly matched, yet the Saints failed to get the breaks. However, most of the playing, the second half, was done in the Blue's territory.

Watkinson deserves much credit for keeping the score down. As goalie he proved an excellent player and got plenty of chance to show his wares, which he did in clever style. Townsend, although suffering an injured leg, performed splendidly to bring the crowd to its feet often with bursts of applause.

No one can be claimed as the single star of the game. Each was proficient in his own position, yet they lacked experience and practice.

Quarterman, center, got the draw often, using it to an advantage. On one occasion he took the rubber on a run the entire length of the field and tried for the goal only to miss it by inches.

St. Stephen's failed to score. That is obvious. But score or no score the men showed the "fight" which is so necessary to bring them through the remainder of the season successfully. Yale's game was not disheartening, but encouraging. The Saints have material which, if whipped into shape, can and will get a win over their next opponents.

Stevens Tech of Hoboken looms as Annandale's next rival and they will be met on the Memorial Field, Poughkeepsie, Wednesday afternoon, April 27th. This is the Saints' initial appearance against the Jersey men and more than a thousand are expected to see the game.

Line-up:

Yale	St. Stephen's
Mansfield..... goal	Watkinson
Oettinger..... point	Kroll
Allire..... cover pt	Smith
Roby..... 1st def	Townsend
Capt. Hogan.... 2nd def	Burbank
McKee..... 3rd def	Urquhart
Field..... center	Quarterman
Withington.... 3rd attack	Keen
Keller..... 2nd attack	Enzian
Stevens..... 1st attack	Patterson
Lynch..... out home	Wilson
Greene..... in home	Raymond

Time of periods: 30 minutes.

Score: 1st half Yale 6, St. Stephen's 0; second half Yale 10, St. Stephen's 0.

Goals by: Hopkins, Lynch, Keller, Keller, Withington, Hogan, Withington, Greene, Keller, Hogan.

Substitutions: Ryan for Keller, Hopkins for Lynch, Huggins for Greene, Spear for Hogan, Jordan for McKee. St. Stephen's: Nobis for Townsend, Townsend for Kroll, Lown for Enzian.

Penalties: Yale 2, St. Stephen's 2.

MUMMERS SOCIETY IS REORGANIZED

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year. The Mummers themselves will organize the dramatics, and the chairmen of the various committees. Members of all classes, especially Freshmen, will be urged to take an active part in the work of these various committees or in the casts of the various plays, so that a sound dramatic organization may be built up at St. Stephen's.

The officers of the organization were elected as follows: President, H. B. Meyers; stage manager, B. B. Brown; business manager, Frederick Richter. George A. Shrigley was elected chairman of the play reading committee. The total membership is as follows: H. B. Meyers, B. B. Brown, F. Richter, G. A. Shrigley, R. D. Smith, C. Mentzer, G. B. Kunkel, J. Patterson, G. S. King, A. V. Rap-polo, J. H. M. Darbie. A series of three one act plays will be given on the Tuesday before Commencement, June 14. Plans for the production of these plays are now well under way.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST ON APRIL 26

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'28, Orville Davidson '28. The topics are general and of present day interest to everybody. They are all concerned with the world of current affairs chosen from the field of Sociology, History and Politics.

The Public Speaking contest is an annual event given in the spring and open to all members of the student body. The judges are always three members of the faculty. Four prizes are given; first prize of thirty-five dollars, second prize of ten dollars, third prize of five dollars, and in the case that the winner is a senior and is intending to enter the ministry, he receives the McVicker prize of fifty dollars, the other prizes going to the second, third and fourth places respectively.

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